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Minute Sheet No.

1. Cross-reference re. 1. KATZ of W.I.R.

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Press cutting from the Manchester Guardian re German students in London.

1a.

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33. M. report re an international representative of the W.I.R.

2a.

33. Cross-reference re KATZ from OF.16/1 Vol.3.

2B.

3.

33. Telephone message from M. re KATZ.

3a.

4.

33. Telephone message from Mr. Canning.

4a.

5.

33. Letter to Special Branch.

5a.

1.4.33. Copy of int. letter from - to Isabel BROWN.

5B.

6.

4.33. Report from Special Branch.

6a.

33. M. report.

6b.

7.

4.33. Copy of wire from Isabel BROWN to S.O.I., Paris.

7a.

4.33. Copy of int. letter from - to Isabel BROWN.

7b.

8.

N. 1.4.33
S.3.a.

Will you please insert a Green Card in Home Office Traffic Index for Otto (or Rudolf) KATZ.

S.9.a.

6.4.33.

9.

Green Cards inserted.

S.3(a).

10.4.33.

L.H.

10.

10.4.33. Int. telegram dated 8.4.33 from "Rudolph" to W.I.R.

10a.

11.

10.4.33. M. report re "Rudolf" KATZ.

11a.

12.4.33. Copy of letter to S.I.S. re KATZ

11b.

12.

12.4.33. To S.B. re Otto KATZ, @ Rudolf.

12a.

12.4.33. Reference to int. letter signed by "Rudolf".

12b.

13.

B. 1.3.33

139 Boulevard St. Germain, Paris, is the address of Otto KATZ, @ "Rudolf". There is the strongest reason for supposing that this individual is in close and constant touch in Paris with Willi MUNZENBERG of the Central Committees of the League Against Imperialism and W.I.R. "Rudolf" is also of great importance in the organisation.

We have just heard that the Germans, who also have hitherto been unable to identify him positively, consider him as a key figure. 3'

Herewith H.O.W. for signature if approved.

S.9.

12.4.33.	(sd) H.M.M. (intd.) W.K.	
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27.4.33.	Copy of letter to I.P.I., sending copy of 20a.	2
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17.5.33.	To S.I.S. re identity of "Rudolf" and sending address of Otto KATZ, as given at 24a.	2

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B. *185-5016*
 306 Rue St. Honore, Paris, is given as the address of Otto KATZ (vide 24a), the Czecho-Slovak representative on the Council of the Workers' International Relief, who has been acting in a variety of ways, including loan of his passport, as cover for the Chiefs of that important Communist organisation.

Herewith H.O.W. for signature if approved.

S.9.
 17.5.33.

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18.5.33. H.O.W. on 306, rue St. Honore.

27a.

28.

18.5.33. S.B. report re KATZ enclosing photograph.
 18.5.33. Int. letter to "Joseph" KATZ from Mrs. GUEST.
 21.5.33. Extract from OF.16/1 (CX/ V) re KATZ.
 24.5.33. Extract re -
 25.5.33. Extract re -

28a.
 28b.
 28c.
 28d.
 28e

29.

25.5.33. To M.I.l.c. re KATZ sending photos etc. at 28a.

29a.

30.

25.5.33. To S.B. re KATZ and 28a.

30a.

31.

S.10. (intd. D.S. 25.5.33.)

Please see 28b-30a.

S.9.

25.5.33.

(sd) G.M.L.

26.5.33. Cross-reference from OF.16/1 Vol.4. re KATZ.

31a.

32.

27.5.33. To I.P.I. sending photo and handwriting as at 28a.
 30.5.33. Int. letter from Carmel HADEN GUEST to Otto KATZ.
 31.5.33. Int. letter from Victor GOLLANCZ to Otto KATZ.

32a.
 32b.
 32c.

33.

3.6.33. Int. letter to Lucie LEONIE from Paris.
 1.6.33. Int. letter from - to Mrs. Isabel BROWN.
 2.6.33. Cross-reference from M.I.l.c. report re identify of -
 5.6.33. Extract from int. letter re KATZ.
 7.6.33. Int. letter to Isabel BROWN from "Joseph"

33a.
 33b.
 33by
 33bx
 33c.

34.

10.6.33. From S.B. re KATZ.
 11.6.33. Int. letter from Carmel Haden GUEST to Otto KATZ.

34a.
 34b.

35.

13.6.33. From S.I.S. re KATZ.
 14.6.33. Summary of int. letter from Ellen WILKINSON to -.

35a.
 35b.

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16.6.33. To S.I.S. re 34a.

36a.

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16.6.33. To S.B. re 34a and 36a.
 18.6.33. Int.wire from Ellen WILKINSON to KATZ. 3'

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20.6.33. From M.I.l.c.re Rudolf KATZ, reference ^{New (in} 29a. (PF 47638) 38

39.

21.6.33. Extract from M.I.l.c.report mentioning - 39

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22.6.33. M.I.l.c.report re KATZ. 40

41.

23.6.33. Int.letter from Victor GOLLANCZ to - 41

42.

23.6.33. Copy of letter to S.I.S.mentioning - 42
 25.6.33. Int.letter from Lord MARLEY mentioning KATZ (copy) 42

43.

26.6.33. Int.letter from Ellen WILKINSON to Ivor MONTAGUE re - 43
 27.6.33. Copy of int.letter from Ellen WILKINSON to KATZ. 43

44.

28.6.33. Copy of M.I.l.c.report mentioning- 44
 30.6.33. Copy of envelope of int.letter mentioning KATZ. 44

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30.6.33. Letter to S.B. re 43a. 45
 30.6.33. Copy of card for KATZ in Traffic Index 45
 1.7.33. Extract from OF.16/9 re - 45

46.

3.7.33. Press cutting from "The Daily Worker" re - 46
 3.7.33. M.report re - 46
 3.7.33. Extract from OF.16/9 re KATZ. 46
 5.7.33. S.B.report re - 46
 5.7.33. Int.letter to - from "Ellen" 46

47.

2.7.33. To S.I.S. re 46a 47

48.

S.10.(intd.D.S.)
 To see please 46b.

S.9.

7.7.33. (sd) G.M.L.
 7.7.33. Copy of int.envelope of letter from KATZ to BRIDGEMAN. 48

49.

13.7.33. Cross reference to KATZ from int.letter. 49
 7.7.33. To S.B. re 46b. 49
 17.7.33. Cross reference to correspondence between - & POLLIT 49

50.

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 18.7.33. Reference to letter to Australia,H.O.and N.Z. re KATZ. 50

51.

20.7.33. To S.I.S. re 29a 51
 22.7.33. To S.I.S. re 50a. (Now in PF47538/KATZ) 51
 24.7.33. Copy of letter to S.I.S. re KATZ. 51

52.

25.7.33. Copy of M.I.l.c.report (CX/6690/V) re KATZ. 52
 2.8.33. Extract from OF.16/1 Vol.4. re KATZ. 52

Copied from
O.F. 6/1, Vol. 4

B.

There are fairly strong indications that the League against Imperialism may be moving here shortly..... In view of this I would suggest exclusion circulars against the individuals referred to in OF.16/1, Vol.3, 125a, and Vol.4, 145a and 146..... To these persons should be added the name of Otto KATZ @ Rudolf KATZ, subject of PF.41664.....

(sd) H.M.M.

S.9.

10.8.33.

11.8.33. From S.B. re. departure of KATZ.

54b.

55.

16.8.33. To S.I.S. re 54b.

55a

19.8.33. Copy of letter to H.O. re. KATZ.

55b.

56.

22.8.33. From S.B. re KATZ's passport.

56a

57.

24.8.33. Cancellation of H.O.W. on 139 Boulevard St.Germain

57a

58.

24.8.33. To S.I.S. and I.P.I. sending copy of 56a

58a

30.8.33. Copy of telegram from "Hans" to I.BROWN re -

58b.

59.

1.9.33. Int. telegram from Isabel BROWN, London, to KATZ,

59a.

2.9.33. Paris reference from OF-16/1, Vol.4 re KATZ

59b.

5.9.33. H.O. circular re. KATZ.

11.9.33. Copy of M.I.I.C. report (CX/ /V) re KATZ.

59c.

B. D.S.S. *OK*.

We had Otto KATZ covered previously on an Any Name warrant. He has now changed his address and a personal warrant therefore becomes necessary.

Herewith H.O.W. for signature if approved.

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7.9.33. Copy of wire to KATZ from Isabel BROWN, London.

60b.

61.

3.9.33. H.O.W. on Otto KATZ, Hotel Crystal, Rue St. Benoit, Paris.

61a.

62.

9.9.33. From S.B. with regard to Otto KATZ.

62a.

9.9.33. Copy of Arrival Card of Otto KATZ.

62b.

9.9.33. Reference to letter 63. to H.O. re. KATZ.

62c.

5.9.33. To S.I.S. re 62a, copy to I.P.I.

63a.

5.9.33. ~~Copy of wire from Amsterdam to Nice ROST.~~ *Transferred to PC 97,057 ROST. by J.F. 5.5.49.*

63b.

64.

3.9.33. To S.B. re KATZ and Willi MUNZENBERG.

64a.

11.9.33. Extract from int. letter 65. mentioning Dr. KATZ.

64b.

65.

18.9.33. M.2 report re KATZ

65a

66.

20.9.33. To H.O. re KATZ

66a

20.9.33. M/2 report re Rudolf KATZ.

66b.

67.

21.9.33. M/2 report re. Rudolf KATZ.

67a.

68.

Transferred to PF 47538 ROST by D.F.R. S.S. 49.~~32.9.33. Copy of Traffic Index cards re. Niece ROST.~~~~68a.~~

28.9.33. M/2. report re Rudolf KATZ.

68b.

69.

28.9.33. Cross reference from R. List 8 (2668) re KATZ.

69a.

29.9.33. Departure Card for KATZ
29.9.33. Int. letter to Isabel BROWN from Ellen WILKINSON.

69b.

69c.

3.10.33. S.B. report re Otto KATZ.

70a.

6.10.33. Cross reference to KATZ from letter to H.O.

70b.

71.

7.10.33. From S.I.S. reference to 38a.

(NOW IN PF 47538 KATZ) 71a.

72.

7.10.33. From S.I.S. with reference to 35a re KLAGEMAN

72a.

4.10.33. and SCHULTZ. *Ex han int. letter from E. BROWN*

72b.

12.10.33. Cross-reference to int. letter from LASKI to

72c.

19.10.33. Cross-reference to report from S9a to Home Office re

72d.

23.10.33. Copy of int. letter to KATZ from Otto KATZ.

72e.

A.WILKINSON.

72f.

25.10.33. From H.O. re KATZ.

73a.

26.10.33. Cross-reference 74. to M.I.1.c report re -

73b

S.9. C.L. 1/10

Please see 73a.

S.3(a).

1.11.33.

75.

1.11.33. Cross-reference re. Hotel Crystal, Paris.

75a.

1.11.33. Extract from letter to G.P.O. re H.O.W. on -

75'

76.

S.9. (sd-) G.M.L. 3.11.33.

Please see 75a. It is interesting about Nancy CUNARD going to the Hotel Crustal, 24 rue St. Benoit, Paris, as this is one of the Otto KATZ Addresses in Paris.

S.9.

(sd) H.M.M.

3.11.33.

Copied from
P.F. 40304
(CUNARD).

77.

29.11.33. From M.I.1.c. referring to letter at 29a re Otto KATZ.

77a

78.

29.11.33. From M.I.1.c. re Rudolf KATZ. (NOW IN PF 47538 KATZ)

78a

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80.

On the 15th December 1933 Sir Ernest Holderness informed us that he had received letters from Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. D.N. Pritt urging that Otto KATZ should be allowed here for a further session of the Legal Commission on the Reichstag Fire. Sir Ernest was anxious to know whether we were prepared to waive our objections.

Captain Liddell saw Sir Ernest Holderness and Mr. Maxwell and informed them that from M.I.5's point of view if exception was to be taken at all to visits to this country by foreign Communists, Otto KATZ was about as bad a case as could be found. He was closely associated with Willi MUNZENBERG and in fact was being used as a cover for MUNZENBERG's correspondence, sent by Lord MARLEY and others from this country.

We had evidence to show that KATZ, on his previous visits to this country, had always got in touch with members of the Communist Party, and in view of the presence here of the International Secretariat of the League against Imperialism which had been transferred from Germany, and of KATZ's previous associations with this body, we thought that it was highly probable that he would be bringing instructions of one kind or another. We therefore regarded his visits here as extremely undesirable.

Mr. Maxwell thought that agitation here against the Reichstag Trial had probably done the German Communists more harm than good. On the other hand he thought that as the Legal Commission had been previously allowed to hold its sessions here, it would be difficult to exclude important witnesses from its final session. He and Sir Ernest also thought that questions would be asked in the House and that representations might be received from Mr. Lansbury and Mr. Arthur Henderson. Captain Liddell said that as far as M.I.5. were concerned, there was no objection to the Secretary of State telling the House exactly who KATZ was and giving the names of the organisations which he represented. These had been banned by the Labour Party at their Conference at Hastings, and branded in the "Communist Solar System". Mr. Maxwell did not think these arguments would be very effective with the Labour Party. They would merely say that they knew all about these organisations etc. etc., but that they were sufficiently broad-minded to allow free access to this country for their enemies.

It was agreed that Sir Ernest Holderness should put up a minute to the Under Secretary of State, but the result was a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Grant telephoned the following day to say that KATZ. was to be allowed to land.

S.8.
15.12.33.

18.12.33. Note by Mr. Watson on telephone conversation re KATZ' arrival at Dover with Alexander ABUSCH. 80a

18.12.33. Copy of Landing Card dated 17.12.33. for KATZ. 80b

81.

S.8 (Sd.G.M.L)

Please see note at 80a on telephone conversation
[P.T. Over.

with Immigration Office at Dover regarding the arrival of Otto KATZ and Alexander ABUSCH (?ALUSCH) in this country.

Mr. Joslin said that he had tried to get you on the telephone but without result, and I, therefore, rang up Mr. Harker and Miss Sissmore and gave them the information at 80a.

S.6. (Sd) N.W.
18.12.33.

19.12.33.

Extract re KATZ

82.

81A.

Spoke Supt. Canning, who will do what he can to let us know about KATZ's doings here.

S.8. (Sd) G.M.L.
19.12.33.

21.12.33. S.B. report re Otto KATZ.

82a.

83.

21.12.33. S.B. Report re KATZ.

83a.

21.12.33. Cross-reference re KATZ.

83b.

22.12.33. Copy of Departure Card of KATZ.

83c.

84.

~~22.12.33. S.B. Report~~

~~84~~

23.12.33. Extract re KATZ.

~~84a~~

85.

S.3(a)

With reference to 80a, are there any previous traces on the Traffic Index for ABUSCH or ALUSCH, or any similar name with identical christian name and patronymic?

S.8.
29.12.33.

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86.

29.12.33. To S.I.S. re arrival of KATZ, ALUSCH and KLAGERMANN

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87.

S.8.

Please see result of Traffic Index look-up at
87a.

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f.S.I. for M.H. Now IN. PF50454
(ALEXANDER . SASKIND ABUS

S.3.(a)
3.1.34.

88.

2.1.34. From H.O. forwarding Immigration Officer's report re Mlle Simone GORRICHON.

88a

89.

3.1.34. To M.I.I.c. re 88a.

89a

11.1.34. Cross-reference to int. letter to KATZ from Lord MARLEY.

90.

12.1.34 Int. letter to - from Ivor MONTAGUE

90a

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13.1.34.	Cross reference re Ilse KLAGEMANN and Otto KATZ.	91a.
22.1.34.	Cross reference re int. letter from Lord MARLEY to Otto KATZ.	91b.
27.1.34.	Cross reference to int. letter from MARLEY to KATZ,	91c.
30.1.34.	Cross-reference to int. letter to KATZ from Dora FABIAN.	91d.

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P.F.41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— Otto KATZ.

On 26.1.34, Dora FABIAN wrote from London to Otto KATZ regarding a "Labour Camp Diary". She had previously been in touch with Kurt ROSENFELD in this connection.

On 30.1.34, Dora FABIAN again wrote from London to KATZ asking the name of the "Sunday Referee". She also gave KATZ a message from Lord MARLEY regarding the Second Brown Book.

Original in... S.F.460/1/10, Vol.2, 77a, 79a. 26.1.34: 30.1.34.
P.F.41664-(KATZ).....dated.....
M.J.E.B.
27.2.34.

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P.F.41664. 91c

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

Otto KATZ.

Lord MARLEY wrote to Otto KATZ, Hotel St. Romain,
rue St. Roch, Paris, from London about his inter-
views with Dr. KAHN and Mr. SCHWEITZER, etc.

Intercept No. K. 504 B.

Original in.....P.F.38727, MARLEY, Vol.2. 27.1.34.
145a.dated.....

S. Form 81

P.F. 41664. 916CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:—Otto KATZ.

Lord MARLEY wrote to Otto KATZ asking him to keep
the letter from Martha MEYER.

Int. letter K. 224 K from MARLEY to KATZ, Hotel S. Romain,
5/7 rue St. Roch, Paris.1.

Original in P.F. 38727, Vol.2. MARLEY.dated 22.1.34.

C.M.S. 19.2.34.

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P.F. 41664. 91ACROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

Otto KATZ.

Ilse KLAGEMANN was registered at the Belgravia Hotel
between December 17th and 22nd as the wife of
Otto KATZ, whose room she shared.

S.B. report, dated 13.1.34. (No ref. no.)

Original in..... P.F.42279, KLAGEMANN, 11a.dated..... 13.1.34.
C.M.S. 17.1.34.

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Monsieur Otto Katz,
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 Rue St. Roche,
 Paris,
 FRANCE.

H727T

19, New Park Court, S.W.2.

12th January, 1934.

Dear Otto,

Here is a letter on the book situation.

1. The Barbusse book. Fortunately Mr. Latham, the American representative of Macmillan is a very charming man. We spoke frankly, and he himself proposed the solution of the transference of his English rights to Lane. It is probable that this will be done at the price Lane undertook to pay us, but he must refer the matter back to America. I have the impression that, in the collective price paid by Macmillan to Boswell for the English and American rights, the English rights were allowed for at a rather higher rate than Boswell undertook to pay us for them. But I think that none-the-less Macmillan will probably accept from Boswell the less sum as fortunately there are good relations between the two firms, and it seems that Boswell takes books from them often. If Latham receives the expected authorisation from Macmillan it will simply mean that we shall give a letter to Boswell releasing him from the necessity to pay us for the book and he will pay the money agreed to Macmillan.

Boswell seems sure enough now that the matter will be well resolved for him to proceed without delay on the other books.

2. The Brown Book III. As you know Dorothy is in Leipzig and I cannot speak to her about the matter of the Club, but I hope to see some people tomorrow evening (Friday) at our conference on the prisoners, with whom something may perhaps be arranged. In the meantime we very urgently await the material on this, and I have pressed Boswell to proceed at once with it in view of its appearance.

3. Brown Book II. Boswell has not yet received any material on this, but I understand you are sending it soon.

4. Nazi Führer. Lane is still quite keen on this book, but I agree with him entirely that the text is quite unsuitable for its purpose. It is not so much that the text is allusive, as he at first suggested. The trouble in my opinion is that the text, though amusing and witty, is so

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such a date, before such and such a Court, Dr. Ley was condemned to a fine for damaging, etc." If we can receive the facts to make this possible I am prepared to be responsible for the preparation of the text on their basis. If you agree, therefore, I will go through the sections and, on the basis of each, send a series of questions asking for dates, names of Courts, details, etc., which seem demanded by the text on each man, and rewrite the life histories quite objectively to consist only of these with little embroideries.

5. The Schönstedt novel. Boswell has had this read by one reader who has reported favourably and he wishes to publish it. He has not yet, however, persuaded his partners to agree, though he hopes to succeed in doing this. He will have it read again to see if the second reader confirms the views of the first. I will give you further news when he decides.

6. The Kisch book. I see Boswell was obliged to pay an advance on this on the 1st January. I cannot of course press him for this until the Macmillan matter is quite cleared up.

Greetings,
 Yours,

WOODMAN
 S.I.
 12/1/34

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P.F.41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** Otto KATZ.

Lord MARLEY says that it is impossible for him to go over to Paris before his journey to America, as he is leaving England on 31.1.34.

Intercepted letter No. H.698 C. from MARLEY, Haslemere, Surrey, to Otto KATZ, 5, rue S. Roch, Paris.

Information sent to S.I.S. on 19.1.34.

Original in..... P.F.38727, MARLEY, Vol.2. 142b. 11.1.34.
C.M.S. 22.1.34. dated.....

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PF.41664/DS8.

3rd January 1934.

Dear V.V.,

When Otto KATZ recently visited this country he was accompanied not only by Alexander Suskund ABUSCH, subject of my letter PF.41664/DS8 of 29.12.33 but also by ^{pr. 42279} [Ilse KLAGEMANN] (your report CX.16690 of 13.6.33, and another German whom we cannot identify, named Hans Theodore ~~FOEL~~ ^{RECARDED} ~~FOEL~~ ^{12 FEB 1960}).

The description of the latter is as follows:-

Height 5' 9-10"; age 30-35; complexion fair; hair dark. Dress: blue belted overcoat of thick rough cloth, grey trousers and black shoes, wearing a black or blue beret.

We should be grateful for anything you can tell us about this individual.

Yours sincerely,

GHL

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
M.I.I.C.

SSa

HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W. 1.

666546/4.

2nd January, 1934.

Miss M. Homan - M.I.5.

Reichstag fire enquiry.

The attached copy Immigration Officer's
report is forwarded for your information.

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Copy to S. & A.
J. S. I.
for M. I.
3/1/34.

C O P Y .88
A.B. 22.Immigration Officers' ReportH.O. No.Port of FOLKESTONE.Port No.Subject Reichstag fire enquiry.References to FilesAll reports to be signed
and dated at end of same.

(*5501-556) Wt. 24898-919 10,000 3/32 T.S. 123

Copies sent to :

C.I.
S.I.
I.

H.M. Chief Inspector.

A woman arrived at this port on 18.12.33 who, although possibly of no importance herself, has to do with a matter which may be of interest.

She is Mlle ~~GORRICHON~~ ^{CARDU} Simone, aged 25, French, and is going to Howard's Hotel. Her stay is for a few days. She will be followed by a ^{HS 44642} [M. Bergercy] a French deputy, to whom she acts as shorthand-typist. The object of his visit will be to meet certain people and discuss what steps shall now be taken as to agitating with regard to the situation created by the Reichstag fire.

Mlle Gorrichon knew little about the matter and cared less; she is merely concerned with her job as shorthand-typist. She knew nothing, apparently, of the reason for further agitation; she only knew that the present conference was with the same people who had conducted the original unofficial "trial" in London. There seemed little doubt that she would return to France when her work was finished and was landed unconditionally. In case the notes on the card may escape notice the present report has been drafted.

M. Bergercy does not appear to have arrived yet through this port.

(Sgd.) P. L. LENNARD.

19.12.33.

Copy in PF.42279.

PF.41664/DS8

29th December 1933.

Dear V.V.,

In spite of our protests, Otto KATZ was once more allowed to land here to attend the session of the Legal Commission into the burning of the Reichstag.

PF 50454 He was accompanied on this occasion by one Alexander [Saskind ABUSCH or ALUSCH] an Austrian, whose description is given as follows:

Aged 31; height about 5 ft.6 ins; slight build; hair going grey; fair complexion; wears glasses; dressed in light grey hat and overcoat.

This man was described as his secretary. We do not seem to have any previous record of this individual, but we are trying the Traffic Index. In the meantime, perhaps the French or Austrians could tell us something about him.

On this occasion KATZ was also accompanied by [PF 42279] Elsa Lotte KLAGERMAN, subject of reports of various dates under your number CX.6690/V. She also was allowed in in spite of the fact that a circular has been issued against her.

Yours sincerely,

Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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PP 41664 (Katz)S.I. Form 0.6.EXTRACT.Relating to Otto KATZ.

Extracted from... P.F. 42279... (KLAGEMANN)..... No..... 5b.....

Author of original... Special Branch.... Place and date of origin... 23.12.33.

Extract made by... M.J.E.B. on (date) 2.1.34.....

Copies sent to.....

Port of DoverSpecial Branch.
Date 23.12.33.
To M.I.5.

Otto KATZ.

22nd December, 1933.

In confirmation of telephone message sent to
Superintendent at 4.35 p.m. this regarding Otto KATZ:-

This man left Dover for Calais at 4.30 p.m.
He gave his last address in England as the Belgravia
Hotel, Victoria.

The woman accompanying KATZ was identified as
Ilselotte KLAGEMANN, a German citizen, who described
herself as a secretary.....

Prior to the departure of the steamer, a
telegram was received for KATZ, the contents of which
were discreetly found to be, "Wire name of hotel
immediately. Isabel".

R.3526.

DEPARTURE.

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Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Disembarkation
abroad

Calais

PF 41664

Name KAPZ OttoAge 38 SexNames and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanyingOccupation WriterNationality Czech-SlovakianAddress in United Kingdom Belgrave HotelI.O. Stamp No. Port 22/12/33 DoverDescription of passenger
and class travelled

Other information

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P.F.41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** Otto KATZ.

Extract from intercepted letter from Christopher
ISHERWOOD, London, to Gerald HAMILTON, Paris, dated
21.12.33:—

"KATZ is here, as you know. I am too
busy to see much of him, but his impressions
of London don't seem favourable....."

Original in.....P.F.42415 (ISHERWOOD). 8a.....**dated**.....21.12.33.

M.J.E.B.

3.1.34.

S. Form 81

SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref.

200/WIR/32

Date

22 DEC 1933

To M.I.5.

Obsn.

21st

December,

3.

Otto KATZ.

I kept observation re Otto KATZ from 9 a.m., to 3.20 p.m., to-day.

At 11.30 a.m., KATZ left the Hotel Belgravia in company with [a woman] member of his party and proceeded by motor-cab to the Houses of Parliament where he met [Lord Marley] and was present with him at a ceremony connected with the passing into law of recent enactments. At 12.30 p.m., he returned to the hotel.

It is understood that he took leave of certain members of his party, and that he informed the hotel staff that he would pay the bills for the whole party. He returned to the Houses of Parliament and took lunch in the Harcourt Room with Lord Marley and the woman with whom he had left the hotel earlier in the day.

At 1.55 p.m., the Hon. [Ivor Montagu] arrived and went into Lord Marley's room, but left the building five minutes later.

At 2 p.m., KATZ, the woman and Lord Marley left the latter's room, and, passing through St. Stephens Hall, entered Lord Marley's car in the carriage yard. The car was driven away rapidly in the direction of Victoria Street. I attempted to follow by cab, but was outdistanced. I drove to the Belgravia Hotel but ascertained that the party had not called there.

Observation was continued in the vicinity of the hotel, but up to 3.20 p.m., when I was relieved by P.C. Jordan the suspect had not returned.

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I am informed by the reception clerk at the Hotel Belgravis that KATZ has announced his intention of remaining there until Friday or Saturday this week.

H. William P. S.

Submitted.

W. Hay
Inspector.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Port of Dover.

Copy in ~~PF 42420~~
PF 42041

SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref. 3057 UN C/020Date 21/12/33

To M.I.5.

19th. December, 3.

A. VOIGT.

Amongst the passengers arriving here from Calais at 5 p.m. to-day was Frederick Augustus VOIGT, a journalist, travelling on British passport No. 355713.

This man is the subject of previous Dover reports and came under notice on the 4th. August, 1933, when he was seen to join Otto KATZ here. The latter is now in London vide Dover report dated 17th. December, 1933.

~~PF 42420~~ PF 42041
[VOIGT] who appeared to be alone, was in possession of a third class single ticket from Paris to London.

B. James. P.C.

One time Berlin

Correspondent Submitted.

Manchester Guardian

joined an American with

refined views, named

Margaret Goldsmith

Robt Cooper,
Sergeant.

Superintendent.

19th December, 3.

Otto KATZ.

I kept observation in the vicinity of the Belgravia Hotel, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1, from 3.10 p.m., to 11 p.m. today, re Otto KATZ.

Katz did not leave the hotel. He was seen to spend about a half-hour (from 7.30 p.m., to approximately 8 p.m.) in the lounge of the hotel.

It was learned that Katz had booked a room at the hotel for the purpose of holding a meeting in the evening. He reappeared in the lounge of the hotel at 10.30 p.m., and it was then learned that he had handed over three letters for conveyance by air mail to Paris, and a telegram to an address in Strasbourg.

[The Hon. Ivor Montagu] was also seen at the hotel during the evening.

Katz remained on the premises when observation was discontinued at 11 p.m.

H. Williams P. S.

Submitted.

W. Hay
Inspector.

SUPERINTENDENT.

19th.

December,

3.

KATZ.

Otto KATZ, subject of Special Branch suspect book, was kept under observation this day with the following result :-

Shortly after 10 a.m. this man, accompanied by two women and a man, left the Belgravia Hotel, Grosvenor Gardens, Victoria, S.W., and went by taxi-cab to the Caxton Hall, S.W., where he attended a meeting of the Legal Commission of Enquiry into the Reichstag Fire Trial. At the conclusion of the meeting, Katz returned to his hotel by taxi-cab, arriving there at about 1-15 p.m. Observation was continued until 3 p.m., when I was relieved by Sergeant Williams. During the latter period Katz was not seen to leave the hotel.

Discreet enquiries were made with regard to the committee meeting held by Katz and his associates in a room of the Belgravia Hotel last night. It was ascertained that this terminated at 4 a.m. this day, and that it was further attended by a Mlle Simone GORRICHON, a French woman, who gave as her domicile - 133, rue Championet (?), Paris.

GORRICHON

The manageress of the hotel later handed me some papers, which she stated were found in a drawer in the room used last night by Katz and his followers. An examination of these showed them to be a proof copy of the Report of the Legal Commission of Enquiry into the burning of the Reichstag, made on the 20th. September, 1933, giving the names of the Chairman and members of the Commission, which was subsequently published in pamphlet form under

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the title "The Burning of the Reichstag", price 2d., and a number of pencilled notes in English and French relative to the trial. As the papers did not appear to be of any political importance, I handed them back to the manageress to be replaced before Katz or his friends became aware of the fact that they had been removed.

C. H. H. H.

Sergeant.

Submitted.

R. K. K. K.
Inspector.

SUPERINTENDENT.

METROPOLITAN POLICE TELEPHONE

Sender's No.

19th day of December 1933

From P. J. Hoare (Barton Hall)

To Sub Lt S.B.

Forwarded at

Received at 10.15 am

B6-D18

I have just followed OTTO KATZ from the Belgravia Hotel to Barton Hall. I learn that the private gathering held at the Hotel yesterday evening continued until 11 AM today, & that in addition to the people reported by Sgt Barnes, the following were also present: - Mrs MONTAGU & Mlle Simone Gohlmann. The latter gave her permanent address as 183, Rue Champeant Paris.

(Signature)

P. J. Hoare

COPY IN RF 38727 LEIGH-AMAN.

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18th

December

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to Katz.

On instructions from A/Chief Inspector I took up observation at 6 p.m. this evening regarding Otto Katz.

Quiet enquiries showed that he is staying at the Belgravia Hotel, Victoria, indefinitely and he remained inside the hotel throughout the evening.

It was learned that Katz and his party had booked a room at the hotel for a private gathering at 8 p.m. this evening and subsequently the following persons were

seen to assemble in the hotel for the meeting:- [Lord Marley
 HS. 44642 PF 42420
 [Gaston Bergery] (French), [Leo Gallacher] (American), [Mdm Bertrand
 PF 43338 HS 40725
 de Jouvenal] (American), [Kurt Rosenfeld] (German), [Ivor
 P.F. 42074
 Montague], [Isobel Brown], [Dorothy Woodman] and [Alun Thomas].

The two latter named left early and did not remain throughout the meeting. One other person, believed to be

PF 42364
 [Stephan Detcheff], was present but it was not possible to definitely identify him or to verify his name by discreet enquiry.

Adrian Barnes
 Sergeant.

Submitted.

R. M. H. H. H.

Inspector.

A/Superintendent.

Port of Dover.

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Leo GALLAGHER.

17th. December, 3.

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5.50 p.m., [Leo GALLAGHER,] U.S.A. lawyer and speaker in connection with the Reichstag Trial, arrived at this Port from Calais at 5 p.m. to-day.

He was landed as a business visitor for two weeks and his address in this country was given as "American Express Co., London".

On leaving the Customs Hall this man was seen in the company of Otto KATZ and several other persons, of whom a separate report is submitted.

B. Jarneo. P.C.

Submitted.

Robt Cooper.
Sergeant.

Superintendent.

Port of Dover.

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17th. December, 3.

Otto KATZ

A. S. ABUSCH

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5.50 p.m., Otto KATZ, who was formerly the subject of Special Branch suspect book, arrived at this Port from Calais at 5 p.m. this day.

He was landed under special Home Office instructions for seven days and his intended address was given as "Belgravia Hotel, London".

Travelling in company with KATZ was [Alexander Suskind ABUSCH, an Austrian subject, reporter, who was also landed under special Home Office instructions. This man's address was also given as "Belgravia Hotel, London".

Katz was also travelling in the company of a woman, whose address and description were included in the telephone message to Superintendent, and who is believed to be his secretary.

J. B. B. C.
F. C.

Submitted.

Robt Cooper
Sergeant.

Superintendent.

82

17th

December,

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With reference to message at 5-55pm this day from

P.S. Cooper, Port of Dover, re ^{PF 42420} [Leo GALLACHER,] Otto KATZ,

PF 50454 [Alexander Suskund ABUSCH] and a woman, name unknown:-

I was present at Victoria Station on the arrival of the 'Golden Arrow' boat train at 7 pm. These people left the station and proceeded on foot to the Belgravia Hotel,

Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1. where they booked rooms, [the woman] being registered as [Mrs KATZ.]

PF 42279 KLAGERMAN

They were accompanied by another man who appeared to be a member of the party and whose name I subsequently ascertained to be Hans Theodore ^{RECORDED} ~~FOEL~~, a German. His description is as follows:-

Height 5ft.9-10ins, age 30 - 35, comp. fair, hair dark. Dress: blue belted overcoat of thick rough cloth, grey trousers and black shoes, wearing a black or blue beret.

Reeves Fletcher P.C.

Submitted.

B. S. S. S.
Inspector.

SUPERINTENDENT.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— KATZ Otto

19.12.33. Present at a meeting at the Caxton Hall, at a resumed hearing of the Legal Commission of Enquiry into the Bruning of hte Reichstag. He was accompanied by FOEL H.T. S.B. Officer..305/UNC/420.

20.12.33. Present at a resumed hearing of the above, accompanied by a woman who also was with him on 19.12.33.

Original in.....S.F.427/UK/1.dated 117a. 117g.

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ARRIVAL.

P.F. 41664. 80B.

P.A.

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Gm

Copy of Card in Traffic Index.

Port of Embarkation

abroad BelaisName KATZ GHOAge 38 SexNames and ages of dependants
under 16 accompanyingOccupation WriterNationality C Nationality at BirthProposed address in United Kingdom Hotel BolgeriaI.O. Stamp No. Port Dover 17. 12. 33Description of Passenger
and class travelledOther information c/h for 7 days

800.

50454 Mr Joslin telephoned yesterday (Sunday) at 5.50 p.m. from the Immigration Office at Dover to say that Otto KATZ, Czecho-Slovak, had arrived at Dover accompanied by ^{? ALUSCH} [Alexander Saskind ABUSCH,] Austrian, and that they were due to arrive at Victoria at 7 p.m.

They were travelling in the centre compartment of the last coach but one on the train, No.7905., and had stated that they would be staying at the Belgravia Hotel, London.

He described them as follows: -

KATZ: Aged 38; height about 5ft.6ins.; medium build; black hair; swarthy complexion; dark grey hat and overcoat; light grey gloves; carrying black valise or satchel.

PF 50454

[ABUSCH.] Aged 31; height about 5ft.6ins.; slight build; hair going grey; fair complexion; wears glasses; dressed in light grey hat and overcoat.
? ALUSCH

S.6.
18.12.33.

PF.41664/DS8

7th December 1933.

Dear V.V.,

With reference to dated 27.11.33.
I do not quite understand the statement of the German
police that Otto KATZ, born 27.5.95, is not identical
with "Rudolf" of the League against Imperialism.

I was under the impression that this identity
was more or less definitely established. There is
no doubt that the handwriting of Otto KATZ and the man
signing himself "Rudolf", who is closely connected with
MUNZENBERG, are identical (vide our letter PF.41664/DS9
of 25th May 1933).

There is, of course, an entirely different man
called Rudolf KATZ, German, born 1899, who is the
subject of your CX.6690/V of 20.6.33. and 27.11.33.

Yours sincerely,

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Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—Otto KATZ

4.12.33 Kurt ROSENFELD, editor of "INPRESS", continues to frequent the society of MUNZENBERG and KATZ. If, therefore, "INPRESS" is itself not actually in the MUNZENBERG group, its editor certainly is.

"INPRESS" does not appear to be identical with the "Bulletin du Comité de Défense", organ of the Reichstag Trial Defence Committee, Paris.

Original in.....S.F. 427/1, vol. 2, 65a.....dated.....4.12.33.....

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Form C/3—Sept., 1931.

Secret.In reply, state NUMBER and DATE. ⁷⁷

dated 27.11.33

M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)Otto KATZ.

Reference para.1(b) of your PF.41664 of 25.5.33.:

Although I think we have come to the same conclusion, you might just care to have on record that the German Police authorities state that they have no reason whatever to think that Otto KATZ, born on 27.5.95., is identical with "RUDOLF" of the League against Imperialism.

for V.V.

Copies in PF 42298 Rudolf REISIMANN

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OF. 86/6/89.S E C R E T.Captain Booth,
G.P.O.

I attach a list of H.O.W.s which seem recently
to have given little or no results. They should, I think,
produce something. Perhaps you could look into the question.

M.I.5.
1.11.33.

(sd) G.M.L.

<u>H.O.W. No.</u>	<u>Our Ref.</u>	<u>Name and Address.</u>
4831.	PF.41664/DS9.	ANY NAME, 306, rue St. Honoré, Paris.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

On 1.11.33, Nancy CUNARD wrote from London to PADMORE and Garan KOUYATE in Paris saying that she would be spending the following Friday night in Paris at the HotelCrystal, 24, Rue St. Benoit.

Note This is one of the Otto KATZ addresses.

Original in.....P.F. 40304 (CUNARD) Vol. 4, 218a dated.....1.11.33.
M.J.E.B. 219a.
6.11.33.

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P.F. 41664CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

Otto KATZ

26.10.33

from M.I.1c encloses an account, supplied
by the of INPRESS and its founder,
Kurt ROSENFELD.

"... ROSENFELD voit de facon assez suivie certains
membres du parti communistes allemand sejournant à
Paris, notamment MUNZENBERG et KATZ"

Original in S.F. 427/1 Vol. 2 51a dated as above

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M.R.P.H.
1.11.33.

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TELE. : WHITEHALL 8100. EXT. 160.
TELEGRAMS : PASSICS, PARL, LONDON.

Reply should be addressed to H.M.
Chief Inspector, Aliens Branch,
Home Office, London, S.W. 1, and
the following reference quoted :—
S.C.8455/651,685/H.O.



HOME OFFICE.

25th October, 1933.

To the Immigration Officer.

P.F. 41664

Joseph or Otto or Rudolph KATZ.

Subject of circular S.C.8455 of 5.9.33 in which the name JOSEPH was
erroneously given as a surname. The correct name is as heading.

This man was conditionally landed on 11.9.33 and embarked on 29.9.33.

He should not be allowed to land again in the United Kingdom.

The entry in the Suspect Index under JOSEPH should be deleted, and
the entry under KATZ should be amended to read "KATZ Joseph or Otto or
Rudolph".

F. STOVELL.

H.M. Chief Inspector,
Aliens Branch.

All Ports.

Scotland Yard.

M.I.5.

2/2/34

ear Liddell,

This letter was
specially brought under our
notice. Otto Katz is on
check only at Hotel Crystal,
Que St. Benoit.

If you would like the
check extended to the
address hereon, kindly let
us know.

Yours etc.

sd. I.J.KELLY
23.10.33.

Spoke G.P.O. 27/10

Asked them to extend.

int. H.G.L.
27/10

• Photostat filed in:— P.F. 412136 WILKINSON E. 4a.

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From [Anne WILKINSON.]

To Otto KATZ, Hotel St. Roman, Rue St. Roch, Paris.

Date of letter 23.10.33.

~~Summary of Contents~~

"Dear Otto Katz,

Copies of one Guardian and the Times of the dates required have been despatched from the offices of these papers this afternoon. Sorry to say [Ellen] is still very feverish.

We are sending on further cuttings and Ellen has arranged with the Labour Research Dept., to send cuttings and notes on Germany's rearmament.

Yrs. sincerely

sd. ANNE WILKINSON.

The papers have been sent to [Rosenfeldt, Rue Mondetour."]

See Minute ()

S.S. 13.11.33.

Initials.

(date)

P.F. 41664.

72 B.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

KATZ, Otto.

Mentioned in Memorandum from S.9.a. to Home Office (Sir Russell Scott) asking for guidance as to the policy to be adopted with regard to alien visitors and residents in U.K. with special reference to 1) German political refugees and 2) resident aliens engaged in mischievous political activities.

S.F. 56/2/22. 22a.

19.10.33.

Original in.....dated.....

A.M.T.
26./10/33.

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P.F.41664

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

Intercept No. D 181 K Harold LASKI wrote to Otto KATZ
thanking him for some details he had sent him and saying he
would write to America and see what can be done.

Original in.....P.F.41440 LASKI (16a).....**dated**.....12.10.33.....
DW.H.
14.11.33.

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EXTRACT. Photostat filed in OF.16/1 Vol.4.178a.

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From: "f.Willi.k." (Otto KATZ)
Paris.

To: [Isabel BROWN,
33, Ormond Yard,
London, W.C.1.]

PMK. 9.10.33.

"Dear Isabel,

I got your telegram concerning the visa question. We will make official applications which, I suppose, should be done at the Consulate here.

2) I should be interested to know the auspices for my getting a visa.

.....

As you see, I am back again to Paris. In case I could not come to London, it will be necessary that you should come over as quickly as possible in order to discuss quite a lot of important questions. Yet - perhaps it will be possible to get the visa for me. I think we should decide upon your coming over only when we are quite sure, that I will not be able to come.

.....

With kindest fraternal regards

(sd) f.Willi.k."

Form C/3—Sept., 1931

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX/6690/a, dated 7.10.33.
V.M.I.5. (Captain Liddell)

With reference to para.(2) of our CX/6690, dated
13.6.33., our Representative V. reports that
he has been unable to obtain any information regarding
either ^{H.B. 422/19} [Ilse Kathe KLAGEMAN] or ^{PF 40961.} [Johann SCHULZ] from the
Political Police authorities.

for V.V.

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P.F. 41664 KATZ

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

Otto KATZ

5.10.33

Letter to Home Office.

Giving particulars of Simon ROSTOWSKY, it is mentioned that he has been seen in the company of Otto KATZ "who is well-known to us as an agent of the Third International. KATZ has recently been in this country but has now left."

Original in.....R. List 8.....(2668) 8a.....dated.....as above....

M.R.P.H.
6.10.33.

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5 OCT 1933

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref. _____

Date 9/10/33

X To M.I.5.

2nd October 3

o Katz.

With reference to M.I.5 letter PF.41664/DS9 dated 16th September 1933.

/WIR/32

Otto Katz arrived in this country, via Croydon airport, on 18th September 1933 and was allowed to land here on condition that he did not remain in the country longer than 20th September 1933.

He came here in connection with the unofficial judicial enquiry into the burning of the Reichstag, and between the 14th and 20th September was daily at the Law society's annexe, 60, Carey Street, W.C. where the enquiry was held.

Katz stayed at the Howards Hotel, Norfolk Street, Strand, as did the majority of the jurists on the enquiry. He left the hotel on the morning of the 22nd September, ostensibly to return to Paris. Apparently, however, he did not then leave the country, as Home Office traffic index shows that he left via Folkestone on the 29th September. In the interval, Katz's movements were not known to police though observation was kept to locate him at his known haunts.

PF 161/39.

With regard to the man [Willi Munzenberg] Katz was seen at various times between the 14th and 20th September in the company of most of the people attending the enquiry, but no one answering Munzenberg's description was observed.

I understand that Munzenberg was until recently in Holland and that he is wanted by the Dutch police for fraud or some similar offence.

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There is no record at Home Office of Munzenberg
having been allowed to land here.

Frank Barnes

Sergeant.

Submitted.

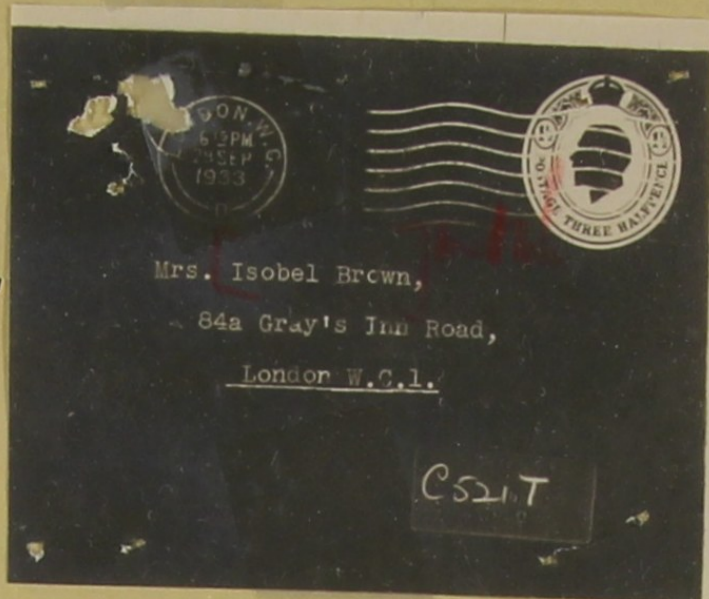
R. Kishener

Inspector.

C. J. L. L.

A/Superintendent.

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LEGAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE BURNING OF THE REICHSTAG
UNTERSUCHUNGSAUSSCHUSS ZUR AUFKLAERUNG DES REICHSTAGSBRANDES
COMMISSION D'ENQUÊTE SUR L'INCENDIE DU REICHSTAG

Sittings : The Court Room, 60 Carey Street, Strand, W.C.2

SEPTEMBER 14 to 17, 1933

Telephone : HOLborn 9674

Address of Secretariat :
18 Gullford Street
Russell Square
W.C.1

Friday.

Dear Isobel,

I came back to the office this morning in the hope of having a word with you alone, but you were surrounded as usual, so I am sending this note.

It has come to my knowledge that Harry is under the impression that Katz and I have been having an affair. Mrs. Haden Guest, I am told, is industriously spreading the same rumour.

I would not like it to be thought that the work I have done on the counter-trial was motivated by my personal interest in any individual, but I have had so much of this sort of talk to put up with during the last ten years, that I am afraid I should normally just shrug my shoulders.

Unfortunately however, the rumour has been carefully told to someone whom I do happen to think rather a lot about, and it is causing a good deal of complication and unhappiness. I should be really grateful, therefore, if when you do hear this rumour you would sit on it firmly. It is so very wide of the mark.

Yours as always,

[Illegible signature]

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DEPARTURE.Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Disembarkation
abroad

Name

KATZ

G.H.

Age 38

Sex

Names and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation

Nationality

Czechoslovakian

Address in United Kingdom

Awards Hotel

I.O. Stamp No.

Port

To Portno 29.9.33

Description of passenger
and class travelled

Other information

P.F. 41664 KATZ. 69A

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

27.9.33. S.B. reported that Simon ROSTOWSKY had been seen at the H.Q. of the Communist Party in London, at extremist meetings, and in company with Otto KATZ.

S.B. Ref. 305/UNC/425. dated 18.9.33.

Original in R. List 8 (2668) 6a. dated 28.9.33.
J.P.L.
30.9.33.

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Personal M/2September 28th 1933.re Rudolf Katz:

PF 41664

It is understood that Rudolf Katz spent some time at the house of ^{P.F. 40391.} [Mrs. Haden Guest] on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 27th. He is at present spending a great deal of his time with Mrs. Schutz. There is no doubt that he is doing a great deal of work in helping to bring various German refugees into this country.

Sg
PA GL 2/11

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Personal M/2September 21st 1933.Rudolf Katz:

Attended a meeting at Caxton Hall on the evening of Sept. 20th.
Was seen personally by M/2. Seemed to be making a general survey
of the meeting, and was several times in conversation with
[Springhall.] Left the meeting after about 45 minutes.

~~See~~ 22/9/33

See
M/2
26/9.

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Personal M/2September 20th 1933.

re Rudolf Katz: (see previous reports)

The work he is doing and the comrades with whom he is in contact are confirmed as per the last report. He is expected to appear at the Kingsway Hall meeting on the 22nd. There is no doubt whatsoever about his being closely in touch with Communist Party members, and although at the moment this is primarily in connection with the Reichstag Enquiry, he is clearly conducting other work at the same time.

Sg.

Exactly!

PA

G

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PF. 41664/DS9

20th September 1933.

Dear Holderness,

With reference to Otto KATZ @ "Rudolph" @ "Joseph", subject of Home Office Circular No. S.C. 8455/651,685 of 5.9.33. who was admitted to give evidence at the judicial enquiry on the Reichstag incident, we are reliably informed that this man has already established touch with members of the Communist Party here.

He seems to have been mainly concerned with getting representatives of the foreign Communist press to this country, in order that they might report on the enquiry and subsequent events. One of these is a certain Nico ROST, who is acting here as representative of the Dutch Communist paper "De Tribune".

I presume that KATZ will be leaving to-day in accordance with the time condition imposed on arrival.

Yours sincerely,

Sir E.W.E. Holderness, Bt.,
Home Office.

P.S. I notice that the circular against KATZ implies that he uses "Joseph" as a surname. This is not accurate. He is known as Otto KATZ, Rudolph KATZ or Joseph KATZ.

Copy in PF 97.057 Rost.

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Personal M/2

September 18th 1933.

[re Rudolf Katz:

According to information gathered by M/2, it would appear that Rudolf Katz is still in this country, and it appears likely that he is the connection between the Communist Party and the Legal Commission of Enquiry into the Reichstag Fire. He is closely in touch with W.M. Holmes over arranging for foreign Press agents to come here in connection with the Enquiry. Rudolf Katz and Olive Budden are working together. At the moment they are anxious to get permission for a woman with a name like "Nice Rest" to come from Belgium to this country. Her address appears to be

c/o Shriffner,

22 Rue d'Edinbourg,

Brussels.

! Nice Rest.

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Seen
initials
26/9.

Photostat filed in :— P.F.161/39 HAMILTON Gerald Vol.7.283a.

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From ("Olive" (MANGEOT))
London.

To (Gerald HAMILTON,
Cathay Hotel,
Shanghai, via Siberia.)

Date of letter 16.9.33.

Summary of Contents

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["Christopher (? ISHERWOOD)] is I believe in Paris staying
with Dr.KATZ and shortly coming to stay with his mother....."

See Minute ()

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(date)

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PF. 41664/DS9.

Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

Otto KATZ, who is at present in London in connection with the Judicial Enquiry into the burning of the Reichstag, has given as his address the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square.

We have been informed that ^{11R3608} [Willi MUNZENBERG] is intending to come here for the same purpose. If MUNZENBERG does succeed in getting here the probability is that he will be in touch with KATZ.

We should be glad to have any information that can be obtained about KATZ's doings while in this country and also to know whether any one identifiable with MUNZENBERG is seen in his company.

16th September 1933.

C. L.

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PF.41664/DS9.

15th September 1933.

Dear V.V.,

Further to our letter PF.41664/DS9 of 24th August, 1933, exhaustive enquiries which have been made through the Czecho-Slovakian Authorities seem to indicate that Otto KATZ is the real name of the individual known to us and that he is travelling on genuine papers. The Czecho-Slovakian Consul here states that enquiries have been made respecting Otto KATZ in Berlin and other places with the following result.

His father was Edmound KATZ, born at Jistebnici, in the district of Tabor, Czecho-Slovakia in 1864, and his mother was Frances KATZ, nee PISKER. The latter is deceased. There were three children of the marriage all of whom were born in Jistebnici, viz, Leopold KATZ, born 1891, Robert KATZ, born 1893 (deceased) and Otto KATZ, the subject of the report, born 27th May 1895. KATZ's father married a second time, and his step-mother is Otilie KATZ, nee SCHULHOF. There is one child of this union, viz, Emile KATZ, born 1904 in Prague.

The copy of Otto KATZ's photograph, which was forwarded to Prague for inspection, is declared to be that of the son who was born on the 27th May 1895 in Jistebnici, and further, the Otto KATZ in question was not given any other name at birth, and there is no person in the family of the name of "Rudolf" or "Joseph".

Otto KATZ's photograph has also been seen by the Police in Jistebnici and they report that it is identical with the person known to them in that name.

Yours sincerely,

OM

Copy to I.P.I.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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P.F. 41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:- Otto KATZ.

On 12.9.33, H.O. was informed that Otto KATZ @ Rudolf KATZ @ Joseph KATZ might attend the "mock trial" to be held in London on September 14th of those accused of burning the Reichstag.

The following information was given re. KATZ:-

"Otto KATZ has paid several visits to this country during the last few months. He is closely associated with Willi MUNZENBERG, the League against Imperialism, the Anti-Fascist Congress movement, the Workers' International Relief and the Anti-War Congress Movement, all of which are under Moscow control. While here he is known to have been in touch with members of the Communist Party. He is actually the author of the "Brown Book of the Hitler Terror" which has been the subject of comment in the press and for which Albert EINSTEIN is being held responsible by the Nazis. He is now the subject of your circular No. S.C.8455/651,685/H.O."

Original in O.F.14/2. Vol.6, 350a. dated 12.9.33.
M.J.E.B.
13.9.33.

DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL.

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Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of ~~Dis~~embarkation
abroad

Paris.

Name KATZ G HAge 6. 1895. SexNames and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanyingOccupation WifeNationality CzechoslovakianAddress in United Kingdom Imperial Hotel, Russell SquareI.O. Stamp No. Port London 12.9.33Description of passenger
and class travelled

Other information

c/h until 20.9.33.
Business visit.

SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref. 3001WIR/32.

Date 8.9.33

To M.I.5.

8th September, 3.

to Katz.

With further reference to M.I.5. correspondence
P.F. 41664/D.S.9, and police report of 21.8.33 :-

/WIR/32.

Monsieur Bujnak, the Czecho-Slovakian Consul, 18
Bedford Square, W.C. has again been interviewed. He
states that enquiries have been made respecting Otto
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person known to them in that name.

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From the fore-going, it would appear that the Czecho-Slovakian Authorities in Prague are now satisfied that Otto Katz, who has recently made several visits to London, and is well known to S.B., is the rightful holder of the passport which bears his name, photograph and description.

Alfred Waldram
Inspector.

Lord Alanning
Superintendent.

H.O.W. 4953.

SECRET.

PF. 41664/DS9.

8th September 1933.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

Otto KATZ,
Hotel Crystal,
Rue St. Benoit,
Paris.

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said Otto KATZ

and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

*One of His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.*

Otto KATZ, who has recently moved to this address, was formerly covered by "Any Name" warrant No. 4803. He is a prominent figure in German Communist circles and closely associated with the Western Bureaux of many of the Comintern's subsidiary organisations.

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From [ISABEL] LONDON (YEOMAN TEMPLE BAR 5616)

To KATZ HOTEL CRYSTAL RUE SAINT-BENOIT PARIS

Date 7.9.33. 1.48 AM

No. _____

VISAS [DECHEF DIMITROVA] GRANTED MAKE APPLICATIONS

IMMEDIATELY

ISABEL

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